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Sir:

In fulfillment of the requirements of candor and good faith set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants submit herewith the following Information Disclosure Statement in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§1.97-98. It is understood that the information provided herein is solely for the purpose of fulfilling Applicants' obligations under the law and should not be construed as nor is it intended to be an admission of prior art.

As this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits, it is believed to be timely filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3).

A copy of each of these references along with a substitute 1449 Form is enclosed herewith.

UNITED STATES PATENTS

<u>Patent No.</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>
3,657,744	Method For Fixing Prosthetic Implants in a Living Body	April, 25, 1972
4,300,244	Cardiovascular Grafts	November 17, 1981
4,409,172	Device and Method For Fabricating Multi-Layer Tubing Using A Freely Suspended Mandrel	October 11, 1983
4,503,569	Transluminally Placed Expandable Graft Prosthesis	March 12, 1985
4,580,568	Percutaneous Endovascular Stent and Method For Insertion Thereof	April 8, 1986
4,604,762	Arterial Graft Prosthesis	August 12, 1986
4,731,073	Arterial Graft Prosthesis	March 15, 1988
4,732,152	Device For Implantation and a Method of Implantation in a Vessel Using Such a Device	March 22, 1988
4,733,665	Expandable Intraluminal Graft, and Method and Apparatus For Implanting an Expandable Intraluminal Graft	March 29, 1988
4,856,516	Endovascular Stent Apparatus and Method	August 15, 1989
4,886,062	Intravascular Radially Expandable Stent and Method of Implant	December 12, 1989
5,078,726	Graft Stent and Method of Repairing Blood Vessels	January 7, 1992
5,123,917	Expandable Intraluminal Vascular Graft	June 23, 1992
5,175,052	Adhesive Tape Preparation of Clonidine	December 29, 1992
5,282,824	Percutaneous Stent Assembly	February 1, 1994
5,330,500	Self-expanding Endovascular Stent With Silicone Coating	July 19, 1994
5,366,504	Tubular Medical Prosthesis	November 22, 1994
5,383,926	Re-Expandable Endoprosthesis	January 24, 1995
5,389,106	Impermeable Expandable Intravascular Stent	February 14, 1995
5,474,727	Method of Manufacturing a Polytetrafluoroethylene Tape	December 12, 1995
5,522,881	Implantable Tubular Prosthesis Having Integral Cuffs	June 4, 1996

PCT APPLICATIONS

<u>Publication No.</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Publication Date</u>
WO 95/05132	An Intraluminal Stent Graft	February 23, 1995
WO 95/29647	Stent With Collagen	November 9, 1995
WO 96/00103	Radially Expandable Polytetrafluoroethylene and Expandable Endovascular Stents Formed Therewith	January 4, 1996
WO 96/03092	A Flexible Expandable Stent	February 8, 1996
WO 96/10967	Intraluminal Graft And Method For Insertion Thereof	April 18, 1996
WO 96/22745	Percutaneous Stent-Graft And Method For Delivery Thereof	August 1, 1996
WO 96/26689	Improved Longitudinally Flexible Expandable Stent	September 6, 1996

FOREIGN APPLICATIONS

<u>Publication No.</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Publication Date</u>
EPO 0 539 237	Expandable Transluminal Graft Prosthesis For Repair of Aneurysm and Method For Implanting	April 28, 1993
EPO 0 657 147	Non-migrating Vascular Prosthesis and Minimally Invasive Placement System Therefor	June 14, 1995
SU 1457 921	Self-fixing Blood Vessel Prosthesis With Additional Fastening Element of Similar Form to Basic Fastening Element, Positioned Outside Casing	February 15, 1989

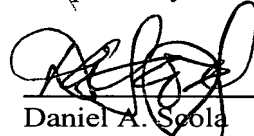
NON-PATENT DOCUMENTS

Percutaneous Endovascular Graft: Experimental Evaluation by David D. Lawrence, Jr., M.D., Chusilp Charnsangavej, M.D., Kenneth C. Wright, Ph.D., Cesar Gianturco, M.D., Sidney Wallace, M.D., Radiology, May 1987, pages 357-360.

Accordingly, in view of the present submission, it is now believed that the present application is in all respects complete, and in condition for examination and favorable consideration.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments relating to the present application, he or she is respectfully invited to contact Applicant's attorney at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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